Cambridge Society of Dorset

Annual General Meeting and talk by Dr Mara Kalnins at Bryanston School, Blandford, DT11 0PX on Saturday 27th October 2018 at 10:15am

Arriving at Bryanston School please follow the signs to park in the Coade Hall car park and further signs to the Sanger Building. A welcome coffee or tea will be served from 10:15 in the Assignment Area on the first floor. Blue badge holders may park in front of the main school building, avoiding steps. A short AGM will take place in the Sanger Lecture Theatre at 10:45 to approve the annual accounts and to elect the officers and Committee of your Society.

We will then be privileged to be addressed by Dr Mara Kalnins, a Life Fellow of Corpus Christi College and formerly University Reader in Modern Literature. Her subject is ‘A Cabinet of Dainas’: Latvia’s History, Culture, Identity. Dr Kalnins’ parents came from Latvia and she herself is an expert on the country, which celebrates the centenary of its first independence this year. In this illustrated talk she will address the concept of Latvia’s national identity and the larger cultural systems from which it arose. In particular, she will consider two factors that enabled the survival of the Latvian people and their heritage over nearly eight centuries of domination by one great power after another: their ancient language and the powerful oral tradition of the dainas (songs).

After the talk and questions we will move at about 12:30 to the historic old school for an aperitif followed by a 3-course lunch inclusive of wine or soft drink. Once more the catering staff at Bryanston have excelled in offering a menu of a smoked salmon starter, a main course of fillet steak or risotto with vegetables, and passion fruit tart or fruit salad to follow. The full menu is attached. Please advise your choices on the return slip below.

Once again your Committee is pleased to offer a subsidy for members and one guest, giving a charge for the day of £26 per person. Further guests may come at £31 each. Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer to The Cambridge Society of Dorset. Our bank account is with HSBC, sort code 40-17-22, account number 31130641. If you pay electronically, this must be done when you return the slip, and please give your surname and ‘AGM’ as the reference on the bank transfer. Please return your booking slip (and cheque if appropriate) to Mr David Frith, 27 King Richard Drive, Bearwood, Bournemouth, BH11 9PH, email david.frith1@ntlworld.com, tel 07885 777426 by Thursday 18th October. Please enclose a SAE if you wish your booking to be acknowledged.

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Member(s)_________________________ College_________________ Matric. Date_____
Phone number________________ Email(clearly please)_____________________________

Guest(s) ____________________________________________

Lunch choice (please insert numbers required):
Main – Steak _______ Risotto_______
Dessert – Tart_________ Fruit_________
Any special dietary requirements______________________________